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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION HOSTS ADAPTIVE CYCLING FAIR AND REUNION PICNIC

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will offer a cycling fair and reunion picnic for individuals with disabilities, their families and friends at Robinson State Park located off North Street in Agawam on Saturday, June 24th from 11AM- 4PM. A wide variety of accessible bicycles and other wheeled devices, as well as staff instruction, will be provided to help people of all abilities enjoy cycling in a safe, outdoor environment. Visitors can also swim in the pond to cool off. Information on where to purchase the adaptive bikes available at the fair will be provided.

This free event is open to the public and sponsored by DCR's Universal Access Program (UAP) through the Initiative for National and State Park Inclusive Recreation Expansion, *Project INSPIRE,* a U.S. Department of Education-funded endeavor of the DCR's Universal Access Program and *All Out Adventures*, working together in an effort to expand accessible outdoor recreation opportunities.

Along with cycling opportunities such as this, UAP also provides accessible boating, hiking, camping, horseback riding and bird watching programs in Massachusetts' state and urban parks throughout the summer and fall for individuals with disabilities, their family and friends. UAP strives to increase participation among persons with disabilities in outdoor recreational activities in integrated settings.

Please call ahead for times and for pre-registration.

Directions: From east or west: Mass Pike to exit 4, Rte. 91 south, Rte. 57 west, Rte. 187 north, to North Street. **Follow signs.**

Please call 413-545-5758 (voice) or 413-577-2200 (TTY) to receive a taped message confirming program status in the event of inclement weather, as well more information on DCR's Universal Access Program. For a schedule of activities, visit
http://www.mass.gov/dcr/universal_access/a_events.htm

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